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This annotated listing of books was compiled by the reference department of McLennan Library to introduce college students to reference resources in political science and to suggest useful bibliographic tools to facilitate literature searches. Only general works are cited. The bibliography is organized by the following categories: (1) Guides; (2) Encyclopedias and Dictionaries; (3) Directories and Biographical Dictionaries; and (4) Bibliographies and Indexes. Also included are very brief discussions of other library subject headings to check using either of two classification schemes, Library of Congress or Cutter; specialized subject bibliographies; and resources available through government documents and the Center for Research Libraries. (Author/RM)

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POLITICAL SCIENCE: A STUDENTS GUIDE TO REFERENCE RESOURCES

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The following list of books has been compiled to introduce students to the reference resources of political science and to suggest useful bibliographic tools to facilitate literature searches. As the list has been limited to general works, readers who are interested in specific political topics or area studies are advised to use the subject catalogues and bibliographic guides described below.

Subject Catalogues

Library of Congress (L.C.) and Cutter (C.C.).

Always check first under the most specific heading.
It should be noted that the headings in the two catalogues are often different, e.g.:

1) Geographic Areas: In L.C. - NAME OF COUNTRY - POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT
C.C. - NAME OF COUNTRY - POLITICS
- CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT

2) Constitutions: L.C. - NAME OF COUNTRY - CONSTITUTION
C.C. - NAME OF COUNTRY - CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT

3) Political Parties: L.C. - POLITICAL PARTIES - COUNTRY
C.C. - NAME OF COUNTRY - POLITICS

N.B.: For specific parties look under their full name e.g. Conservative Party see PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, CANADA.

4) Statistics: L.C. - POLITICAL STATISTICS
C.C. - NAME OF COUNTRY - STATISTICS
- YEARBOOKS

5) Methodology: L.C. - POLITICAL SCIENCE - METHODOLOGY
C.C. - POLITICAL SCIENCE

Other useful headings which are the same in both catalogues.

1) COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT
2) POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY
3) Political Doctrines - under the appropriate terms - e.g. SOCIALISM, LIBERALISM
4) DEMOCRACY, DICTATORSHIP, etc. (for type of government)
5) CANADA - PARLIAMENT (for material on legislative procedure: COUNTRY - NAME OF POLITICAL BODY)
6) STATE, THE (for material on theory of state)
7) POLITICS, PRACTICAL (for material on machinery of government)

Specialized Subject Bibliographies

The Reference collection contains many specialized subject bibliographies: on people (e.g. Marx), their ideas (e.g. Marxism) and on political philosophies, concepts and systems (e.g. Communism). These may be found by checking the L.C. and Cutter subject catalogues.

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Other Students Guides relevent to studies in political science available at the Reference desk are:

Africa, South of the Sahara
Canadian History
Canadian Politics and Government
Communism, Marxism and Socialism
International Relations
Latin America
Urban Affairs etc.

Government Documents

Government publications are an important source of material for political science. The Government Documents Department, 2nd floor, McLennan Library has a large collection of documents including special indexes and bibliographies not mentioned in this guide. The Department also has its own card catalogue not duplicated in the main card catalogues. McGill is a depository (i.e. receives all documents) for the following agencies: Canadian Federal Government, Quebec Provincial Government, the United Nations and the European Economic Community. In addition representative collections from the other provinces, the United States and Great Britain, and small collections from various countries, are maintained.

The Government Documents Department has also prepared a number of very useful guides to government documents:

Guide to British Government Publications
Guide to British Parliamentary Publications
Guide to Canadian Government Publications
Guide to Canadian Parliament Publications
Guide to Quebec Government Publications
Guide to Parliamentary Publications of the Province of Quebec
Selected Guides to U.S. Government Publications
Bibliography - Index to JPRS Translations

Center for Research Libraries

Some of the bibliographic resources in this list include titles which are not available in the McGill Libraries but which may be borrowed from the Center for Research Libraries. Specialized research materials collected by CRL are available to member libraries on long loan. Of particular interest to users of this guide may be their journal and newspaper collections and their government publications collections, including archival and census materials from a number of countries. For details on the publications and services available at CRL please inquire at the reference desk or interlibrary loans office.

All locations for works mentioned in this guide have not been indicated. For additional locations check the McGill Union Catalogue under the entry used in this biography.

For additional assistance in locating information and materials relevant to your research, or for assistance in using this guide or the sources listed in it, please ask a reference librarian.

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I. GUIDES

Z7161 B83 Ref. UL Lib.Sci.

Brock, Clifton. The Literature of Political Science. New York, Bowker, 1969.

Arranged partly by form and partly by subject. Long analytical and descriptive annotations.

Z7161 H6x Ref.

Holler, Frederick L. The Information Sources of Political Science. 2nd ed. Santa Barbara, Calif., American Bibliographical Center. 1975. 5v.

Each division is arranged by subject and form. Good annotations. Contains not only reference works and bibliographies but also important texts and surveys for each subject grouping. Covers allied subjects as well as political science.

Z7161 H27 Ref.

Harmon, Robert B. Political Science; a Bibliographic Guide to the Literature. N.Y., Scarecrow, 1965.

_____. _____. Supplement, 1968. Metuchen, N.J., Scarecrow, 1968.

_____. _____. Second Supplement. Metuchen, N.J., Scarecrow, 1972

_____. _____. Third Supplement, Metuchen, N.J., Scarecrow, 1974.

Arranged by subject. Very broad coverage of both reference and general books. Short annotations.

Z7161 M36 Ref. Law

Mason, John B. Research Resources; Annotated Guide to the Social Sciences. Santa Barbara, Calif., 1968-1971. 2v.

v. 1. International Relations and Recent History; Indexes, Abstracts and Periodicals.
v. 2. Official Publications.

An excellent annotated interdisciplinary guide to the social sciences. The author is a political science professor and his subject is stressed Includes exceptional coverage of journals which may be used as reference resources.

Z7161 W49 1973 Ref. Lib.Sci. Mgmt.

White, Carl M. ed. Sources of Information in the Social Sciences. 2nd ed. Chicago, American Library Association, 1973.

Chapter 9, Political Science, is a bibliographical essay on available sources. An annotated bibliography appears at the end of the essay. Useful as a general introduction.

Z7161 W9 Ref. UL Law

Wynar, Lubomyr R. Guide to Reference Materials in Political Science. Denver, Colorado, Bibliographic Institute, 1966.

Emphasis on reference books and bibliography. Arranged by form. Good coverage for sub-fields and allied disciplines. Very brief annotations.

II. ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND DICTIONARIES

H40 A215 Ref. UL Mgmt.

International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences. New York, Macmillan, 1968. 17v.

Expert concise articles. Bibliographies follow each article. Detailed index in volume 17. Useful for general information of a subject leading to specific research.

JA1
D8
Ref.

Dunner, Joseph ed. Dictionary of Political Science. New York, Philosophy Library, 1964.

Good general dictionary with short signed articles under each entry.

H40
P6
Ref.

Polec; Dictionary of Politics and Economics. 2nd ed. Berlin, de Gruyter, 1967.

English, French and German.

There are many other dictionaries and encyclopedias covering political science, some general and some on specific aspects. For a representative listing of these, see Brock, Harmon and Wynar (section I.).

III. DIRECTORIES AND BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARIES

The Reference Department has many Who's Who publications, both national and international, and biographical dictionaries which will provide relevant information on people both living and deceased. Below are some biographical sources, relating specifically to political science and some directories where information maybe found on countries, constitutions: organizations, etc.

JN1
E85
Latest
in Ref.

Europa Yearbook. 1959- London.

Lib. has: 1959-

v. I International Organizations and Europe.
v. II Africa, the Americans, Asia, Australia.

Arranged by country. Includes under each: (a) Introductory survey. (b) Statistical survey - economics, industrial, agricultural, etc., (c) The Constitution - division of power, etc., (d) The Government - all major officials, ministries, etc., (e) Diplomatic representation - other states in that country, (f) Political parties - address, official publications, etc., (g) Judicial system, (h) Religious System, (i) The Press - newspapers and periodicals, (j) Publishers, (k) Radio and television, (l) Finance - banks, stock exchange, insurance companies, (m) Trade and industry, (n) Transport, (o) Tourism, (p) Universities. Other information given depending on country.

JA51
C8x
Ref.

Current World Leaders. v. 1, 1958- Pasadena.

Lib. has: v. 13, 1970-

Part 1, the Almanac lists officials in government, agencies, and government organizations by country. Part 2, Biography and News, contains biographies on new leaders (three or four per issue), condensed version of a complete recent speech, and a list by country of important events related to the executive and international affairs.

JA28
A56
Latest
in Ref.

American Political Science Association. Biographical Directory of the American Political Science Association. 1st ed. 1945- Washington.

Lib. has: ed.5 (1968)-

Biographical sketches of approximately 12,000 members of the APSA. Appendices list members by field of interest and by location.

JA51
S7
Latest
in Ref.

Statesman's Yearbook. v. 1, 1864- London.

Lib. has: v. 1, 1864-101; 103(1966/67)-

Europa type information, though more concise. Good for United Kingdom and Commonwealth. Useful bibliographies for each country. Some coverage of international organizations. Not arranged alphabetically. Consult index.

JA51
I57
Latest
in Ref.

International Yearbook and Statesmen's Who's Who. 1953- London.

Lib. has: 1958, 1969-

Country section arranged alphabetically gives brief information of Europa type. Followed by an extremely useful biographical section on major figures (not as much information as in Current World Leaders but far greater coverage).

IV. BIBLIOGRAPHIES AND INDEXES

A. General

AI3
R48
Index
Stands

Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature. v. 1, 1900-

Lib. has: v. 1, 1900-

Complete author and subject index of approximately 200 English language general periodicals such as Newsweek, Time.

Z7161
S65
Ref.
Index
Stands

Social Sciences Citation Index. 1973- Philadelphia.

Lib. has: 1972-

Yearly publication based on the principle of citation indexing. Cover over 1,000 journals in the social sciences including many political science journals. Each issue consists of: a Source Index listing by author works published during the year in selected periodicals; the Citation Index, listing by author all primary and secondary research studies cited in the articles in the Source Index; the Permuterm Index which provides a subject approach to articles in the Source Index by means of computerized pairing of significant words in the title of an article.

AI3
S62x
Ref.
Index
Stands

Social Sciences Index. v. 1, 1974- New York.

Lib. has: v. 1, 1974-

Continues in part:

AI3
I5
Ref.
Index
Stands

Social Sciences and Humanities Index. v. 19, 1965 - v.27, 1974. New York.

Lib. has: v. 19, 1965 - v. 27, 1974.

Continues:

International Index to Periodicals. v. 1, 1907/1915 - v. 18, 1964. New York.

Lib. has: v. 1, 1907/1915 - v. 18, 1964.

Same type of index as Reader's Guide but covers the more scholarly journals (e.g. American Political Science Review, Political Science Quarterly). Indexes over 25 English language periodicals in political science as well as others in allied and related social sciences.

IV.B. Political Science

Z1008
Z2x
Ref.
Index
Stands

P.B.C. Pol. Sci., Advance [illegible]ography of Contents: Political Science and Government. [illegible], 1969- Santa Barbara, Calif.

Lib. has: v. 1, 1969-

A current awareness service which reprints the title pages of 260 political science and related journals. Also useful retrospectively by virtue of its annual cumulated subject and author indexes to the articles.

On order
for Ref.

C.R.I.S.: The Combined Retrospective Index Set to Journals in Political Science, 1886-1974. Washington, Carleton Press, in press 197[illegible].

Coverage to include more than 115,000 articles on politics, public administration and international relations from some 180 English language journals.

Z7163
I64
Ref.
Index
Stand.
UL

International Bibliography of Political Science. Bibliographie internationale de science politique. v. 1, 1953- Chicago.

McL.has: v. 1, 1953-
UL has: v. 16, 1967-

Extremely important. Comprehensive coverage of books, pamphlets, book reviews and articles in 1000 journals. Classified arrangement with author and subject indexes. Each volume covers one year and there is usually a two-year time lag.

JA36
I5
Ref.
Index
Stands
UL

International Political Science Abstracts. v. 1, 1951- Oxford.

McL. has: v. 1, 1957-
UL has: v. 19, 1969-

Covers 100 English and foreign language journals. Abstracting is selective (i.e. not all articles in these journals are listed). Subject and author index. Delay of 6 to 9 months.

AI3
R6
Ref.

Royal Institute of International Affairs. Library. Index to Periodical Articles, Boston, G.K. Hall, 1964. 2v.

_____. Index to Periodicals Articles, 1965-1972. Boston, G.K. Hall, 1973.

Indexes articles in periodicals received by the library. Intended as a supplement to the standard indexes. All entries are arranged by a special classification explained at the beginning of volume 1. Emphasizes a geographical and political organization approach subdivided by subject. The index is selective.

C. Related

H1
A472
McL.

"New Studies", American Behavioural Scientist. v. 4, 1960- Princeton.

Lib. has: v. 4, 1960-

"New Studies" section in each issue gives brief abstracts from over 300 journals and significant new books. Highly selective, attempting to present the best works. Emphasis on behavioural and methodological literature in political science and related disciplines. Good current awareness service.

Z7163 K85 Ref. Bibliographie der Wirtschaftswissenschaften. v. 60, 1968- Göttingen.

Ref. has: v. 60, 1968-

Continues:

Bibliographie der Sozialwissenschaften. Jahg. 1, 1905 - 59, 1967. Göttingen.

Ref. has: 1, 1905 - 59, 1967. [v. 40/41 never published]

Good coverage of political science with German language emphasis. International coverage. Separate indexes of subjects and of names and titles.

AI7 F6 Ref. Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politique. Bibliographie courant d'articles de periodiques posterieurs à 1944 sur les problèmes politiques, économiques et sociaux. Boston, G.K. Hall, 1968. 17v.

_____. Supplement. 1969- Boston.

Indexes approximately 25,000 periodical articles per year. Arranged by country with numerical division indicating subjects (it is important to read the introduction in volume 1 to make full use of this arrangement). For each article the reference is followed by an abstract in French describing the content of the article. Supplement 8, covering 1975, was published in 1977.

Z7163 F7 Ref. _____. Bulletin analytique de documentation politique, économique et sociale contemporaine. v. 1, 1946- Paris.

Ref. has: v. 19, 1964-

Selective indexing of approximately 2,000 periodicals. International coverage. Brief abstracts. Very current. Emphasis on European journals, often minor ones, not covered elsewhere. Classified arrangement by subject and then by country. Poor index.

Z7161 L84 Ref. London Bibliography of the Social Sciences. London, London School of Economics and Political Science, 1931-

Up to 1936 this subject bibliography was based on the subject catalogues of nine British libraries. Since 1936 the bibliography represents the British Library of Political and Economic Science at the London School of Economics and Political Science. This work is international in scope, including books, pamphlets and documents arranged by subject division, then in chronological order of publication. Government publications form a separate sub-division for each subject. Each entry has a brief, complete citiation. After 1936 the supplements do not have an author index.

Z7163 P9 Ref. Index Stands UL Mgmt. Public Affairs Information Service Bulletin. 1st, 1915- New York.

Ref. has: v. 1, 1915-
UL has: v. 39, 1953-
Mgmt. has: v. 9, 1923; v. 11, 1925-

Includes books, government documents, reprints and a selective index to more than 1000 periodicals listed by the subject only. The cumulative subject index covering 1915-1974 is available at the Management Library.